GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Use of Drones
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of terrorists using drones for attacking State establishments as well as the people in some countries;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is aware that some anti-India elements/terrorist organisations could use Drone type device to attack commercial/Government establishment and VVIPs as well as prominent personalities in the country;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government and the steps proposed to be taken to counter and foil such situation in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to regulate the selling and subsequent use of drones in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) : No such information is available with the Government.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. There are intelligence inputs which suggest possible use of sub-conventional aerial platforms by terrorists. A Standard Operating Procedure for detection, identification and neutralization of threat arising out of such Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) is being prepared.

(e) : The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is in the process of formulating the regulations for certification and operation of UAS/UAV in the Indian civil air space. Further, DGCA has banned the use of UAS/UAV in the Indian civil air space by any non-Government agency, organization or an individual for any purpose whatsoever till such time the regulations are finalized.

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